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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

TERMINO AVENUE DRAIN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute a Consultant Services Agreement with EDAW, Inc., to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for Termino Avenue Drain for a total fee not to exceed \$339,700.
2. Instruct the Director, or his designee, to notify EDWA, Inc., of the Board's action.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action would authorize Public Works to obtain environmental consultant services to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Termino Avenue Drain project, located in the City of Long Beach. The proposed Termino Avenue Drain tentatively consists of an underground storm drain system located in Termino Avenue, Redondo Boulevard, Bennett Avenue, and in the former Pacific Electric Railroad right of way; an outlet structure which will discharge flow into Colorado Lagoon; and a low-flow bypass line which will discharge into nearby Marine Stadium. The mainline of the proposed storm drain system will consist of approximately 5,225 linear feet of reinforced concrete box and approximately 3,170 linear feet of reinforced concrete pipe.

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A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for the project and approved by your Board on June 12, 2001, (Synopsis No. 55) and by the City of Long Beach City Council on September 4, 2001. The Mitigated Negative Declaration was subsequently the subject of a lawsuit, and eventually judgment was entered by the Courts against the County ordering the County to set aside its approval of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and to take action as required to bring the project into compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. To comply with the judgement, Public Works is recommending the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This action meets the Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness because the expertise and experience to perform the required services are not currently available at Public Works.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Sufficient funds for the proposed agreement are available in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Flood Fund budget. The total fee of \$339,700 includes the negotiated fee of \$308,815 with EDAW, Inc., plus a contingency of \$30,885 for unforeseen additional work with prior County approval.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, EDAW, Inc., is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence participants for future employment.

EDAW, Inc. is in compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Los Angeles County Code 2.203 (Jury Services Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A finding of environmental impact is not required for award of a Consultant Services Agreement for preparation of an environmental document.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

On December 9, 2002, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals to 46 firms for consultant services for the project. In addition, the Request for Proposal was listed on the County's bid website. The bid webpage solicitation is included as Enclosure A. Four firms responded to the Request for Proposal. An Evaluation Committee, consisting of Public Works' staff, evaluated the proposals. The evaluation of the firms was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of these proposals, two firms were invited in for oral interviews. The Evaluation Committee subsequently chose EDAW, Inc., as the best qualified firm to perform the required services and negotiated a fee of \$308,815 for the requested services plus a contingency fee of \$30,885.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises in the project is encouraged through Public Works' Community Business Enterprises Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. EDAW, Inc., is aware of Public Works' Community Business Enterprises Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will not have a significant impact on current services or projects currently planned.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office, County Counsel

ENCLOSURE A

Bid Detail Information

Bid Number : AEDOOO0530
Bid Title : Environmental Impact Report Services
Bid Type : Service
Department : Public Works
Commodity : IMPACT STUDIES SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL
Open Date : 12/9/2002
Closing Date : 1/16/2003 5:00 PM
Bid Amount : N/A
Bid Download : Not Available
Bid Description : The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works as the lead agency and the City of Long Beach as a responsible agency have been working collectively since 1993 to alleviate flooding problems within the watershed area of the Termino Avenue Drain Project. To this end, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared for the project and approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on June 12, 2001, and the City of Long Beach City Council on September 4, 2001. The MND was subsequently challenged and judgment was entered by the Los Angeles County Superior Court against the County. The County was ordered to set aside its approval of the MND and to take such action as is required to bring the project into compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Consequently, Public Works will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project in addition to reviewing the engineering aspects of the project. The Department of Public Works is seeking a highly qualified environmental consultant to assist the Department of Public Works in its environmental review of the project and invites Interested environmental consulting firms to submit written proposals for the environmental consulting services described in this Request for Proposals (RFP).

This RFP is not available on-line, you will need to Contact Matt Jerge in order to receive a copy.

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